

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Jan. 13, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,  
January 13, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. E. B. Johns.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooten.—8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous sessions of December 9, and 28, 1942, were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Joseph Beck in a note addressed to the Board expressed her appreciation for a plant sent to her at Christmas time. Place on file.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stabler thanked the Board for being remembered by a plant sent them during the holiday season. The letter was placed on file.

The Vanderbeck family acknowledged the expression of sympathy received and the communication was placed on file.

Harold Leavitt thanked the Board for flowers sent to him while confined to his home with injuries.

December 14, 1942.

Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners of Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

The Ways and Means Committee of the City Council and the Mayor express their appreciation to you for your cooperation in the matter of permitting the City to retire certain Municipal bonds which you held.

We are informed that you could have sold these bonds to outside interests at a figure which would have been advantageous to your Board and funds, but that you preferred to keep the bonds within our own municipal corporation.

This type of cooperation is one of the elements which contributes to the excellent government this City has long enjoyed.

Yours for Victory,

SAM STREET HUGHES,  
Mayor.

Leo J. Smith, Chairman,  
Ralph W. Crego,  
Ralph R. LeClear,  
John H. Russell,  
W. R. C. Smith,  
Ways and Means Committee.

Received and placed on file.

December 10, 1942.

Board of Park and Cemetery  
Commissioners,  
Lansing, Michigan.

Re: Exchange of Mill Street property for  
Saginaw Street property.

Gentlemen:

On November 30, 1942, the City Council authorized the exchange of the two above mentioned properties, the descriptions of which you have on file. The Mill Street property was not on the 1942 tax roll for the reason that title was in the City; however the Saginaw Street property was on the 1942 tax roll because it was in the name of Rikerd Lumber Company and Rikerd paid the July, 1942, taxes. However, since the transaction was consummated before December 1, 1942, there is a tax outstanding against the Saginaw Street property.

The proper steps should be taken to place the Mill Street property on the tax roll and to remove that portion of the Saginaw



Street property owned by Rikerd Lumber Company which was transferred to the City of Lansing.

Yours very truly,

CLAY CAMPBELL,

City Attorney.

Mr. Bancroft reported that the recommendation of the City Attorney had been carried out.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Cemetery recommends that permission be given William Bauerle to set a granite ledger marker on Lot 5—Section R—Mt. Hope Cemetery under the following conditions:

1. That the burial on the subdivision be made in a concrete burial vault.
2. That a deposit of \$25 be made for the placing of a suitable foundation.
3. That the foundation be placed following the burial on the lot and at such time as foundation can be properly placed.
4. That the granting of such permission will in no way alter or change the rules governing the regular placing of foundations or installation of memorial work in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ERNEST D. GIBBS,  
E. B. JOHNS,  
HAROLD H. BELTZ,  
Cemetery Committee.

By Commissioner Gibbs: That the report of the committee be adopted and the superintendent be and is hereby instructed to permit the placing of the stone under the restriction named in the committee report.

Carried.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Notice is given that delivery was made to the City Treasurer of the following bonds:

#### City of Lansing

##### Maturity

May 1, 1943, Sewerage Refunding, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
22-24 incl. .... 3 @ 1,000	\$3,000.00
May 1, 1944, Sewerage Refunding, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
25-28 incl. .... 4 @ 1,000	4000.00
Jan. 2, 1945, General Obl. Refunding $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
M160 & M172-176	
incl. .... 6 @ 1,000	6,000.00
4/10 of M177 .... 1 @ 1,000	400.00

May 1, 1945, Sewerage Refunding, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
29-32 incl. .... 4 @ 1,000	4,000.00
May 1, 1946, Sewerage Refunding, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
33-36 incl. .... 4 @ 1,000	4,000.00
May 1, 1947, Sewerage Refunding, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
37-40 incl. .... 4 @ 1,000	4,000.00
Jan. 2, 1951, Elec. Lt. & Power, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
859 & 860 .... 2 @ 1000	2,000.00
Jan. 2, 1951, Water, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
536-540 incl. .... 5 @ 1,000	5,000.00
July 1, 1951, Sewerage, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
401-425 incl. .... 25 @ 1,000	25,000.00
Mar. 2, 1953, Sewerage, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
A-1 to A-5 incl. .... 5 @ 5,000	25,000.00
Mar. 2, 1954, Sewerage, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
A-6 to A-10 incl. .... 5 @ 5,000	25,000.00
Total City of Lansing Bonds	\$107,400.00

and that \$17,000 in United States Government Series G Bonds was purchased for the Mt. Hope Cemetery operating account and \$67,000 of United States Series G purchased for the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund, that they have been duly received and deposited in safe deposit at the American State Bank with the other securities of the Board.

H. LEE BANCROFT,  
Supt.

Mr. Bancroft reported on finances of the Park and Cemeteries and on other matters of interest to the Board.

### BIDS

An offer was received from the Winkler Stoker Company to sell the city a used stoker for the Recreation Center for \$600.00 installed.

By Com. Murphy—

That the purchase of the Winkler Stoker be referred to the Property Committee with power to act.

Carried.

A proposition to install refrigeration in the Zoo Building at Potter Park was received from the Garlock Sales Company and referred to the Property Committee with power to act.

### RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooten—

That \$2,000 from Evergreen Perpetual Care fund be invested in United States Government Series G Bonds as of January 1, 1943.

Carried.



By Com. Wooton—

That \$40,400 (being the balance uninvested from the sale of bonds to the City and withheld from investment because the Board has reached its limit of investment in 1942) and \$600 from the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care account making a total of \$41,000, be invested in United States Government Series G Bonds as of January 1, 1943.

Carried.

By the Cemetery Committee—

Inasmuch as Leon H. Beach, 1202 West Hillsdale Street, is delinquent in a contract with the Board for the purchase of Lot 166, Section B, Evergreen Cemetery, dated March 6, 1937, and on which is due \$75.00 principal and \$28.55 interest.

It is hereby resolved that the Superintendent be instructed to send a copy of this resolution by registered mail to the last known address of the delinquent party, and notice given that the contract will be cancelled as provided in the contract at the next regular meeting of the Park and Cemetery Commissioners on February 10, 1943, at 7:30 o'clock, unless the interest is paid in full and a satisfactory payment made on the principal on or before that date.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.

Nays—None.

By the Cemetery Committee—

Inasmuch as Ernest R. Guile, R. R. No. 4, Mason, is delinquent in a contract with this Board for the purchase of the west one-half of Lot 58, Section X in Mt. Hope Cemetery, dated June 24, 1929, and on which is due \$38.00 principal and \$6.27 interest.

It is hereby resolved that the Superintendent be instructed to send a copy of this resolution by registered mail to the last known address of the delinquent party, and notice given that the contract will be cancelled as provided in the contract at the next regular meeting of the Park and Cemetery Commissioners on February 10, 1943, at 7:30 o'clock, unless the interest is paid in full and a satisfac-

tory payment made on the principal on or before that date.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.

Nays—None.

By the Cemetery Committee —

Inasmuch as Earl Foland, R. R. No. 1, Perrinton, Michigan, is delinquent in a contract with this Board for the purchase of the west one-half of Lot 96, Section Z in Mt. Hope Cemetery, dated November 30, 1925, and on which is due \$30.00 principal and \$14.60 interest.

It is hereby resolved that the Superintendent be instructed to send a copy of this resolution by registered mail to the last known address of the delinquent party, and notice given that the contract be cancelled as provided in the contract at the next regular meeting of the Park and Cemetery Commissioners on February 10, 1943, at 7:30 o'clock, unless the interest is paid in full and a satisfactory payment made on the principal on or before that date.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Parks has had under consideration the offer of land from Albert Ehinger, lying in the southwest section of the city and outside the city limits, and do not consider the further purchase of lands advisable at this time.

E. B. JOHNS,  
ERNEST D. GIBBS,  
ROBERT A. MCKIM,  
H. LEE BANCROFT.

By Com. Wooton—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Feb. 10, 1943

February 10, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Johns.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Johns, Cook, Beltz, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.  
Absent—Com. Gibbs.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Mrs. A. G. Bishop and from Mrs. Leta Woodworth in which they expressed their appreciation for plants sent to them.

Notice was received from Ald. Russell, Chairman of the Council Committee on Ways and Means, asking that the budget be submitted by March 8, 1943.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Building Committee to whom was referred the replacement of the cooling unit and equipment at the Lion House at Potter Park recommends that the work be awarded the Garlock Sales Company, as per the terms of their contract, in the sum of \$475.00 installed and in satisfactory operation.

ROBERT A. McKIM,  
HARRY A. WOOTON,  
CECIL E. COOK,  
Building Committee.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

By Com. McKim—

Resolution: That the Garlock Sales Company be authorized to install Kelvinator equipment as per contract for the sum of \$475.00.

Carried.

The Building Committee reports that a Winkler stoker has been installed at the Cedar Street Recreation Building at a cost of \$600.00 installed, and is now in operation. A new stack from the boiler to the chimney was put in when the boiler was out of operation:

ROBERT A. McKIM,  
HARRY A. WOOTON,  
CECIL E. COOK,  
Building Committee.

The Forestry Committee reports as a matter of record that the trees on the following Streets and Parks are to be pruned on the proposed 1943 program:

### LARGE TREE PRUNING—1943

1. Chestnut, Willow to Olds	18 blk
2. Pine, Olds to Willow	19
3. Sycamore, Brook to Olds	18
4. Division, Olds to St. Joseph	3
5. Butler, Olds to Saginaw	15
6. Logan, Michigan to Olds	9
7. Moores, Mt. Hope to Washington	30
8. Barnes, Martin to Beal	7
9. Smith, Beal to Washington	6
10. Coleman, Mt. Hope to Moores	3
11. Todd, Moores to Mt. Hope	3
12. Davis, Mt. Hope to Moores	3
13. Bradley, Moores to Mt. Hope	3
14. Osband, railroad to Moores	6
15. Beal, Moores to railroad	8
16. Mt. Hope, W. City Limits to East Limits	36

187 blk.



**SMALL TREE STREETS**

All small tree streets S. of Michigan Avenue.

**PARKS, ETC.**

Bancroft, Ferris, Potter, Durant, Mt. Hope Cemetery.

S. DEWITT RATHBUN,  
CHARLES T. MURPHY,  
HAROLD T. BELTZ,

Forestry Committee.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Superintendent Bancroft reported 70,976 skaters on the five artificial skating rinks up to February 4th.

The financial report on Mt. Hope Cemetery shows the Perpetual Care Trust Fund at \$228,674.64 and Evergreen Cemetery \$30,034.01 in Perpetual Care and \$9,141.03 in Special Care Funds and that forty burials were made in Mt. Hope Cemetery and twenty-four burials in Evergreen Cemetery during the month of January, 1943.

The Annual Report of the Forestry Division by Carl Fenner was received and placed on file. The tree inventory shows 37,801 trees on city streets and 1,257 trees in the city nursery.

By the Committee on Cemeteries—

Whereas, Earl Foland is in default on his contract for the purchase of the west one-half of lot 186, Section Z, Mt. Hope Cemetery, in the City of Lansing, and

Whereas, there was due on said contract on January 9, 1943, the sum of Thirty and 00/100 (\$30.00) Dollars principal and Fourteen and 60/100 (\$14.60) Dollars interest, and

Whereas, said Earl Foland has made no satisfactory reply to the registered letter mailed to his last known address on January 26, 1943, therefore be it

Resolved by the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners of the City of Lansing, Michigan, that the said contract with Earl Foland be and the same is hereby cancelled and the Superintendent of Cemeteries is hereby instructed to deed subdivisions 6, 9 and 10 to Earl Foland and place the remainder of the half lot on sale.

E. B. JOHNS,  
HAROLD H. BELTZ,

Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Beltz—

That the report be adopted.

Yeas—7; nays—0.

By the Committee on Cemeteries—

Whereas, Leon Beach is in default on his contract for the purchase of lots 151 and 166, Section B, Evergreen Cemetery, in the City of Lansing, Michigan, and

Whereas, there was due on said contract on January 1, 1943, the sum of Seventy-Five and 00/100 (\$75.00) Dollars principal and Twenty-Eight and 55/100 (\$28.55) Dollars interest, and

Whereas, said Leon Beach has made no satisfactory reply to the registered letter mailed to his last known address on January 26th, 1943, therefore be it

Resolved by the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners of the City of Lansing Michigan, that the said contract with Leon Beach be and the same is hereby cancelled and the Superintendent of Cemeteries is hereby instructed to deed subdivision 6 of lot 151 and subdivisions 3, 5 and 6 of lot 166 to Leon Beach and place the remainder of the lot on sale.

HAROLD H. BELTZ,  
E. B. JOHNS,

Cemetery Committee.

By Commissioner Beltz—

That the report be adopted.

Yeas—7; nays—0.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

Secretary of the Cemetery  
and Park Commission.



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF**  
**Board of Cemetery and Park**  
**Commissioners**  
**OF THE CITY OF LANSING**  

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**Proceedings Mar. 10, 1943**

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March 10, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. E. B. Johns.

**ROLL CALL**

Present—Coms. Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.  
Absent—Com. Beltz.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A communication was received from Arthur Prior offering to purchase Lot 129 of Franklin Heights. The offer was referred to the Committee on Parks.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Bancroft, Supt. of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on finances of the cemeteries and the Perpetual Care Funds and on recreation and park subjects.

The Recreation Director filed a report on the activities of the Recreation Department.

**RESOLUTIONS**

By Com. Wooton—

That the Budget as submitted be present-

ed to the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council for their consideration.

By Com. Gibbs—

The following described lots belonging to the Park Department be offered for Victory Gardens:

Lutes Sub.—Lot Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41, Filley St., 165 feet by 39 feet.

Howard Hts.—Lot Nos. 5, 7, 8, 16, Douglas St., ? by 40 feet.

Assessors Plat—Lot Nos. 8 and 9, Edmore, assign south 100 feet only.

Maple Park—Lot Nos. 61, 63, 43, 41, 38, 46, 48, Russell, N. Capitol, N. Washington.

Golfmore—Lot Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, June St., 120 feet by 33 feet.

Assessors Plat 30—Lot 43 and west 132 feet of Lot 44, N. Larch St.

Reola Park—Maplewood, 138½ by 166 feet.

Rivercrest Sub.—Lot Nos. 78 to 87, Olds 36½ feet by 100 feet.

Carried.

Mr. Carl Fenner showed slides in color of pictures of gardens, drives, recreation centers, trees, animals in the Potter Park Zoo and workmen of the Department at their specialized jobs.

The Board adjourned.

**BERTHA RAY,**  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings April 14, 1943

April 14, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Johns.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.  
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Detroit Trust Company relative to the advisability of selling \$5,000.00 worth of University of Detroit bonds.

By Com. Gibbs—

That the proposition be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Carried.

A communication was received from L. B. Jefferies, Executive Director of the U. S. O., relative to the garage at 500 Townsend Street being used by the Park Department.

Referred to the Committee on Parks with power to act.

A communication was received from Hillcrest Village Housing Corporation relative to the Board granting the use of the north 100 feet of the Ranney Park property adjacent to Saginaw Street for a garden.

By Com. Murphy—

That permission be granted to Hillcrest Village to use the land described for gardening purposes under supervision of the Superintendent of Parks.

Carried.

A communication from Mr. L. E. Sanders, a former member of the Cemetery and Park Board, was read.

### OPENING OF BIDS

Bids were received for constructing an addition to the building at 506 E. Michigan Avenue, now occupied by the Roberts Tire Co., as follows:

Granger Bros. ....	\$996.00
Reniger Construction Co. ....	989.00
Christman Co. ....	900.00
F. J. Corr & Son ....	1150.00

By Com. Rathbun—

That the bids be referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

Carried.

Mr. H. L. Bancroft reported on various park, recreation and cemetery matters and on finances.

### RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Cook—

That operative Saturday morning, April 17, 1943, the rates on the public golf courses shall be:

Groesbeck—60c; twilight .....	30c
Waverly Hills .....	35c
Red Cedar .....	30c
Sycamore .....	25c
Coupon Books—\$5.00. 20 coupons for 9 holes.	

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings June 9, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,  
June 9, 1943.

The Board met in Special Meeting and was called to order by the President, Com. Boelio.

By Com. VanNote—

That the vote by which the resolution was adopted be re-considered.

Carried—5 yeas, 0 nays.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Boelio, Harris, Mahoney, Smith, VanNote.—5.

Absent—Coms. Drolett, Gross, Hunter.—3.

By Com. Harris—

That Chief Fisher arrange to send two firemen to the Michigan State Firemen's Association meeting, to be held at Marine City, Michigan, June 21, 22, 23, 1943, as the guests of the John Bean Company.

Carried.

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,  
June 9, 1943.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien and Chief Fisher reported that the resolution passed by the Board on June 8, 1943, "allowing regular members of the Police and Fire Departments to work their leave days and be paid at the regular rate of pay," was not workable.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings June 9, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,  
June 9, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. E. B. Johns.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.

Absent—Com. Beltz.—1.



The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Mayor Sam Street Hughes relative to his feeling of satisfaction with the Lansing form of government and the conduct of the same and urging all officers and employees to strive to make improvements wherever possible in order that the home town may remain one of the finest cities in America.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Mrs. Vernon L. Veith asking permission to remove four bodies from Mount Hope Cemetery.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the request be referred to the Committee on Cemeteries with power to act.

Carried.

Bertha Ray expressed appreciation for flowers and sympathy expressed by the Board at the time of her mother's death.

Placed on file.

June 9, 1943.

To the Honorable Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners:

The cash balance in the Francis Park Special Account has now built up to \$13,320.21, which I believe is considerably more than is needed for current use.

I would suggest that \$10,000 be invested in Series "G" War Bonds in \$5,000 denominations so that if part of the money was needed at any time, one bond could be cashed, leaving the other still invested.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. SANDERSON,  
City Comptroller.

By Com. Wooton—

That the Superintendent of Parks, H. L. Bancroft, be directed to purchase two Series "G" War Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000.

Carried.

The Finance Committee of the Park and Cemetery Board reports as follows:

The Detroit Trust Company, under an agency agreement, is gradually liquidating the residue of the J. Henry Moores estate in which the City has an undivided half interest, the balance being owned by two heirs of J. H. Moores.

Included in the estate are University of Detroit Bonds in the principal sum of \$5,000.00 and drawing interest at the rate of 3%, which are selling close to their ten year high.

The Trust Company has recommended the sale of the bonds and such sale has been authorized by the other heirs of the estate.

After due consideration by the Finance Committee of the Park and Cemetery Board, we recommend—

That the City of Lansing concur with the other residual heirs of the J. Henry Moores Estate in authorizing the sale of \$5,000.00 University of Detroit First Mortgage Bonds, in which the City has a half interest, by the Detroit Trust Company, under their agency agreement with the City, provided that such sale shall be made at the best bid price but at a price not less than 88 on the dollar face value of the bonds, net to the City of Lansing.

HARRY A. WOOTON,  
CHARLES F. MURPHY,  
ERNEST D. GIBBS,

Finance Committee.

By Com. Wooton—

That the report of the committee be adopted and a copy of the report be referred to the City Council with the recommendation that a resolution be passed authorizing the City Comptroller to act for the City in negotiating and passing on the sale of University of Detroit Bonds as recommended.

Carried.

Mr. Bancroft, Superintendent of Park and Cemeteries, reported on finances and the progress of work in the department. The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.



By Ald. Dell—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the foregoing claims be allowed and the City Clerk be and she is hereby directed to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amount allowed each claimant respectively.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Wiegandt.—13.  
Nays—None.

Council adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.

July 6, 1943.  
Lansing, Michigan,

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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### Proceedings July 2, 1943

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Lansing, Michigan.  
July 2, 1943.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Com. Johns.

#### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.  
Absent—None.

By Com. Wooton (Seconded by Com. Murphy)—

That this Board concur in the Council wage and salary adjustment, subject to reimbursement on cemetery funding and minor park adjustments.

Carried.

The City Clerk reported that the following resolution was adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on June 28, 1943:

"By Ald. Graham—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the Department of Public Service prepare the grounds at the Animal Shelter for planting and the Park Department be requested to take charge of planting and maintenance of said grounds.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 15; Nays 0."

Received and placed on file.

The report on Cemeteries for June, 1943, given by Mr. Bancroft, was read and approved.

The Board adjourned until July 21, 1943, when the meeting will be held at Grand Woods Camp following a picnic dinner.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings August 11, 1943

August 11, 1943

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President of the Board, Com. E. B. Johns.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Cook, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooten.—6.  
Absent—Coms. Gibbs and Beltz.—2.

The minutes of the meetings of June 9 and July 2, 1943 were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Fire Chief Hugh F. Fisher, in which he thanked the department for cooperation in raising the tree limbs on N. Pennsylvania Avenue so that they would clear the fire apparatus. Received and placed on file.

A petition was received from residents in the 1300 block of George Street asking that shade trees be planted on that street. Referred to the Committee on Forestry.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Cemeteries, to whom was referred the request of Mrs. Olive I.

Veith for the disinterrment of the bodies of Cordelia May Riley, George H. Riley, Clara E. Riley and Vernon Veith from lot 164, Section C of Mt. Hope Cemetery, recommend that the request be granted.

ERNEST D. GIBBS,  
Chairman  
E. B. JOHNS  
CECIL E. COOK

By Com. Cook—

That the report of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on the finances of the departments and their activities.

Mr. Bancroft discussed a list of possible post war projects for the Boards consideration.

The Board adjourned.

Signed:

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



Francis Printing Service.....	24.50
Capitol Steel Corp.....	22.23
State Journal.....	14.28
Eagle Coat and Apron Service.....	14.00
Robinson Auto Supply.....	11.61
Hager & Cove Lumber Co.....	4.14
The Rikerd Lumber Co.....	3.50
Sam's Inc.....	2.36
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.....	1.23

Streeter-Amet Co.....	3.16
Gregory, Mayer & Thom.....	1.23

By Ald. Dell—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the foregoing claims be allowed and the City Clerk be, and she is hereby directed to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amount allowed each claimant respectively.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—14.

Nays—None.

Council adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE—Service Division

Service Pay Roll.....	359.27
Standard Oil Company.....	686.14
Capitol City Body Works.....	35.00
Purity Cylinder Gases.....	29.66
DeBell Contact Company.....	21.49
Roberts Tire Sales, Inc.....	19.33
McKay Coal Company.....	9.15
Electric Products Sales Co.....	8.76
Paul Automotive Parts Co.....	5.04
Air Reduction Sales.....	3.17
A. W. Handy, Inc.....	1.76

#### TRAFFIC

Eagle Signal Corp.....	13.60
International Rustproof Corp.....	13.29
Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware.....	6.91

Lansing, Michigan,  
September 13, 1943.

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

### Proceedings Sept. 8, 1943

September 8, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. E. B. Johns.

#### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bletz, Cook, Johns, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooten—7.

Absent—Com. Gibbs—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from George W. Tiedeman, Engineer of Road Design, relative to a drain project on West Saginaw Street and effecting Waverly Hills Golf Course. Plans were enclosed for consideration.

Referred to the City Engineer.

A letter was received from Harold F. Lillie, Director of Lansing Safety Council, expressing his satisfaction with the manner in which the playgrounds were conducted from the standpoint of safety.

Received and placed on file.



Mrs. Rose Marlatt offered to sell Lot 6, Cremona Addition, which adjoins park property on E. Mount Hope Avenue, for \$500.00 or thereabouts.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

Norma Rice, Secretary of the U. S. O. Girls' Club, thanked the Park Department for making it possible to hold a picnic for service men at Potter Park on July 31st.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from H. R. Betters, Acting Executive of the U. S. Conference of Mayors, relative to the possibility of securing NYA real and personal property for use by vocational training agencies.

Placed on file.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Com. Rathbun, Chairman of the Forestry Committee, reported on the petition filed by the residents in the 1300 block of George Street.

The report was referred to Mr. Bancroft with instructions to write to the petitioners relative to the planting of shade trees on George Street.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported that Sexton High School and St. Mary's High School wished to use Ferris Park for football practice and the privilege was granted by the Board.

Mr. Bancroft reported on finances of the two Cemeteries and other subjects concerning the park department.

#### RESOLUTIONS

By the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Cemeteries—

That the Superintendent be authorized and is hereby directed to purchase Series G, United States Government War Bonds in the amount of \$19,500.00 from the following funds.

Mt. Hope Perpetual Care .....	\$2,500.00
Evergreen Perpetual Care .....	5,000.00
Evergreen Special Care .....	2,000.00
Ranney Special .....	5,000.00
Frances Park Special .....	5,000.00

Signed:

HARRY A. WOOTON  
CHARLES T. MURPHY  
E. B. JOHNS  
HAROLD H. BELTZ

By Com. Wooton—

That the report of the joint committees be adopted.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Oct. 8, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,  
October 8, 1943.

The Board met in special session in honor to and respect of Edmund D. Johns, President of the Board, who departed this life October 6, 1943.

The Board was called to order by the Vice President, Com. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.  
Absent—None.

By Com. Beltz—

That the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

Carried.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That in the loss of our beloved Edmond B. Johns, the City of Lansing and the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners have lost a valued and honored public servant.

Edmond B. Johns was a native of our Capital City, having been born at the corner of Kalamazoo and Cedar Streets where he has lived during the greatest part of his 77 years of life. In 1920 he was appointed to the Park and Cemetery Board. Mr. Johns has served continuously on the Board since that date, acting as vice president of the Board from 1937 to 1942, and as president of the Board since that date.

Mr. Johns took an active part in the growth of the park and recreation facilities in Lansing, with a keen interest in their successful operation. He was a familiar figure on every department project and was universally liked and respected by the personnel of the department, and the public generally.

Mr. Johns was a regular and faithful attendant at the meetings of the Board, he gave fully of his time and counsel and served his City with honor and devotion.

**BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, That the Park and Cemetery Board take this opportunity to express publicly their thanks and appreciation for the high type of public service which Mr. Johns has given the City of Lansing through his years of service on this Board and to express our personal appreciation for the benefits of our association with him as members of the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the wife and family of our departed member and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the resolution be spread on the minutes of this Park and Cemetery Board.

**RALPH W. CREGO**,  
Mayor, City of Lansing.

**BERTHA RAY**,  
City Clerk.

**ERNEST D. GIBBS**,  
**ROBERT A. MCKIM**,  
**S. DEWITT RATHBUN**,  
**HARRY A. WOOTON**,  
**CHARLES T. MURPHY**,  
**HAROLD H. BELTZ**,  
**CECIL E. COOK**,  
Members of Park & Cemetery Board.

**H. LEE BANCROFT**,  
Superintendent of Parks.

Lansing, Michigan,  
October 8, 1943.

The Board adjourned to act as Pallbearers for Com. Johns, whose funeral service were to be held at the Estes-Leadley Funeral Chapel at 4 o'clock, October 8, 1943, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**BERTHA RAY**,  
Clerk of the Board.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Oct. 13, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,

October 13, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the Vice-President, Com. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun and Wooton.—7.  
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the special meeting held for the passing of resolutions on the death of Com. E. B. Johns, President of the Board, were read and approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from J. V. Graser, Chief of Sales Unit, Procurement Division of the Treasury Department, relative to the purchase of N. Y. A. equipment and supplies was received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Roscoe A. Mosher, President of the Westminster Club, expressing appreciation for the use of Grand Woods Camp for their annual picnic, for the cooperation and assistance extended to the Club in making the event a success.

Placed on file.

Ray E. French, Secretary of the Reo Golf League, in a letter addressed to the Board, thanked the personnel for the cooperation at Waverly Hills Golf Course during the past season.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, relative to the proposed construction of the highway on Saginaw Street between City Limits and Waverly Park Road as a secondary access road to expedite traffic to and from war plants in that section of the city and asking the city to donate an easement of 17 feet of the south side of the property owned by city and known as Waverly Golf Course.

By Committee on Parks—

That this Board recommend to the City Council the favorable consideration of the State Highway Commissioner's request for an easement of 17 feet along the Waverly Golf Course on Saginaw Street for reconstruction of the roadway.

Carried.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. L. Baneroff reported on Cemeteries and on recreation and park matters.

### RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Cook—

That beginning October 1, 1943, Herbert Kipke be placed on half time basis until further notice.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
Secretary of the Board.



By Com. Mahoney, supported by Com. Smith—

That the communication from Chief O'Brien relative to members of the Lansing Police Department being engaged in gainful employment, outside of their duties as members of the Police Department, be received and placed on file.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

The Board adjourned,

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

November 12, 1943.

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

# Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

## OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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### Proceedings Nov. 10, 1943

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Lansing, Michigan,

November 10, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

#### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gates, Gibbs, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous regular session was approved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

A petition signed by sixty people asking that the Board establish Lawn Bowling Greens at a suitable location in the city.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Recreation.

A letter was received from the Fusing Engineering Company relative to purchasing land.

By Com. Wooton—

That the letter be referred to the Committee on Parks.

Carried.

A request was received from the Aldermen from the Third and Sixth Wards and from the Park Committee of the City Council to consider a recognition of the public service and contribution of J. Gottlieb Reutter to the City of Lansing by naming the park now known as Central Park to Reutter Park or some name to include the name of Reutter.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the president of the Board appoint a committee of three to consider the petition relative to changing the name of Central Park.

Carried.

The President appointed as such committee Coms. Rathbun, McKim and Murphy.

A letter was received from Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, in which he expressed his appreciation of the action of the Board in recommending the donation of 17 feet along the Waverly Golf Course for improvement to Trunk Line 43 on West Saginaw Street.

Placed on file.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

An opinion was received from Paul G. Eger, City Attorney, relative to the right of the Board to lease property owned by it to others for a term of years in which he stated that the Board had such right.



The Secretary of the Board reported that the City Council had acted favorably on the recommendation of the Board to grant to the State Highway Department 17 feet of land along the south side of Waverly Golf Course for improvement to Highway 43 on West Saginaw Street.

Placed on file.

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on the

finances of the cemeteries. He also reported on plans that had been made for the Lincoln Recreation Center and other recreation matters.

Mr. Bancroft reported a list of Post War Projects which might be suitable for the Board's consideration.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
Secretary of the Board.

# Official Proceedings of THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS of The City of Lansing Proceedings, Nov. 6, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,  
November 6, 1943.

The City Council met as a Board of Canvassers, under authority of Section 22, of the City Charter, and was called to order by Acting Mayor, Ralph W. Crego.

## ROLL CALL

Present — Aldermen Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Absent—Aldermen Hungerford, Niles.—2.

The City Clerk announced that a quorum of the Council was present.

By Ald. Letherman—

That the Board of Canvassers proceed to canvass the returns of the election held on Tuesday, November 2, 1943.

Carried.

The Mayor then appointed a committee consisting of Ald. Graham, Ald. Collier and Ald. Eddy to tabulate the returns of said election.

## THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS' REPORT

The Board of Canvassers then proceeded

to canvass the returns of the Election, held Tuesday, November 2, 1943, with the following results:

## MAYOR

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Mayor to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Sam Street Hughes was 8686, of which 7120 votes were cast for Ralph W. Crego and 1566 votes were cast for John H. Russell.

Ralph W. Crego having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Russell he was duly elected to the office of Mayor by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None.

## CITY CLERK

The whole number of votes cast for the office of City Clerk was 7565, all of which votes were cast for Bertha Ray.

Bertha Ray having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Collier she was declared duly elected to the office of City Clerk by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICEMEN'S AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM

## Proceedings Dec. 7, 1943

December 7, 1943  
Lansing, Michigan  
City Comptroller's Office  
3:00 P.M.

It was moved and supported that Mr. Kopietz be named as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Carried.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Trustees Carter, Crego, Hunter, Kopietz, Mead, Seelye, Smith, Webb, Weber.—9.  
Absent—None.

Present—R. E. Sanderson, Secretary, and Paul Eger, City Attorney.

It was moved and supported that Mr. Seelye be named as Chairman of the Board.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that beginning January 1, 1944, that regular meetings of the Board be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. and that the meetings be held at the Retirement System Office in the City Hall.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

R. E. SANDERSON,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Dec. 8, 1943

December 8, 1943.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Beltz, Cook, Gibbs, Gates, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Mrs. E. B. Johns and family in which they expressed appreciation for the kindness at the time of Mr. Johns' death, for flowers and for the years of pleasant and harmonious association with all the members of the Board.

Received and placed on file.



A communication was received from George W. Tiedeman, Engineer of Road Design for the State Highway Department, stating that a pot hole located on the south side of the road near station 44, adjoining Waverly Hills Golf Course, would be filled up.

Received and placed on file.

The City Clerk reported that the subject of providing recreation for teen age children as submitted to the Council by Mr. Wm. Siegrist had been referred to the Board.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the subject be referred to the Committee on Recreation with power to act with the Cemetery and Park Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

The special committee, viz: Rathbun, McKim and Murphy, appointed by the vice-president, Commissioner Gibbs, to whom was referred the request from the Aldermen of the Third and Sixth Wards and the Park Committee of the Lansing City Council to the Board, asking consideration of a recognition of the services rendered to the City of Lansing by J. Cottlieb Reutter, by naming that park, now known as Central Park, "Reutter Park," met on the 2nd day of December, 1943, for the purpose aforesaid and reports as follows:

We recommend that the public park located on Block No. 137 of the City of Lansing be named "REUTTER PARK"; that arrangements be made forthwith to place a suitable sign in such park indicating the name thereof, which sign may be of suitable painted or carved wood construction inasmuch as under present conditions it is difficult, if not impossible, to procure an appropriate metal sign or bronze tablet, and that a suitable dedication of such park as "REUTTER PARK" be had.

Dated: December 8, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

S. DEWITT RATHBUN,  
ROBERT A. McKIM,  
CHARLES T. MURPHY,  
Committee.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on finances, recreation and park matters and on proposed projects under consideration.

The City Comptroller reported that the Park Department now held the following Government Bonds:

Ranney Park Special .....	\$ 5,000.00
Frances Park Special .....	117,450.00
Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating...	27,000.00
Evergreen Cemetery Operating...	10,000.00
Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	231,000.00
Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	34,250.00
Evergreen Cemetery Special Perpetual Care .....	10,250.00
	<hr/> \$434,950.00

## RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Murphy—

That Herbert Kipke be placed on the payroll on a three-quarter time basis until he is able to return on full time.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the following matters be referred to the Committee on Parks with power to act:

Purchase of lot on E. Saginaw St.

Purchase of lot at West End of Marcus St.

Purchase of lot in 400 Block of Hayford Ave.

Purchase of lot on Holmes St.

Sale of lot on Olds Ave. near Buffalo St.

Closing Pingree St. from Pattengill St. about 120 ft. to the alley.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.